

Application Serial No. 09/937,326

Atty. Docket No. 019219-013**Amendments To The Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) Superabsorbent material ~~comprising~~ containing a non-acidic compound selected from acid anhydrides, lactides, lactones and hydrolysable esters.
2. (Original) Superabsorbent material according to claim 1, in which the non-acidic compound is selected from lactides and lactones of  $\gamma$ - or  $\delta$ -carboxylic acids.
3. (Original) Superabsorbent material according to claim 2, in which the non-acidic compound is selected from lactide, glycolide and gluconolactone.
4. (Previously presented) Superabsorbent material according to claim 1, in which said non-acidic compound is present in an amount of 1-20 wt.% with respect to the weight of the superabsorbent material.
5. (Previously presented) Superabsorbent material according to claim 1, in which the non-acidic compound is homogeneously divided in the superabsorbent material.
6. (Previously presented) Superabsorbent material according to claim 1, in which the non-acidic compound is chemically bound to the superabsorbent material.
7. (Currently amended) Hygiene product ~~such as a diaper~~, comprising a superabsorbent material ~~comprising~~ containing a non-acidic compound selected from acid anhydrides, lactides, lactones and hydrolysable esters.
8. (Previously presented) Hygiene product according to claim 7, in which the non-acidic compound is selected from lactides and lactones of  $\gamma$ - or  $\delta$ -carboxylic acids.

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9. (Previously presented) Hygiene product according to claim 7, in which said non-acidic compound is present in an amount of 1-20 wt.% with respect to the weight of the superabsorbent material.

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10. (New) Hygiene product according to claim 1 wherein the hygiene product is a diaper.

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